

JAPS SUFFER DEFEAT IN SOUTH SHANTUNG

Is Direct Cause of Serious Crisis
In Cabinet; Chinese Hit Back
At Jap Army in Interior and
Inflict 42,000 Casualties on
Nippon Army of 62,000 Men

Tokyo, April 20. (CNA)—A serious crisis confronted the Japanese Cabinet this week following a series of humiliating defeats in Japan's large-scale invasion of China. Premier Prince Fumimaro Keneyo is seriously considering handing in his resignation, sources close to the government hinted.

The most serious Japanese reverses occurred in South Shantung province where a highly mechanized Japanese army of 62,000 men was completely routed by Chinese regulars and guerrilla fighters. More than 42,000 Japanese were reported killed or captured by the victor-ou Chinese.

The Japanese offensive in South Shantung was launched late in March by a number of crack divisions. Driving southward along the Tientsin-Pukow railway, the invaders began pounding against the Chinese positions in the Taierhchwang-Schow sector, but the Chinese did not yield.

Then Chinese Guerrillas launched a series of smashing attacks behind the Japanese lines, cutting their communications and effectually preventing transportation of supplies to troops at the front. Japanese airplanes attempted dropping food and munitions, but this proved insufficient.

The desperate Japanese men found themselves facing a big Chinese army of excellent morale and then the advance to the rear and slaughter began. So great has been the debacle that when the Japanese retreated they even abandoned their dead and wounded, a thing heretofore unknown in modern Japanese military history.

Another Chinese drive thru southeastern Shanpi has gone by Koaping, near the Honan are pressing close into the Peiping-Hankow railway near Changteh, in northern Honan. They have driven the Japanese from Suichehen, 17 miles west of Changteh.

The Japanese are preparing a huge counter-offensive, seeking to make all possible haste before the fact are widely known abroad and at home. Japan's German and Italian allies in the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis are reported to be following the situation with the greatest anxiety.

WEST VIRGINIA CIVIC LEAGUE IS CALLED

Last week in Bluefield, a group of West Virginia Negro leaders met at the Bluefield State Teachers college, and organized a sort of Rotary club among the Negro citizens of the state. The name of the organization is the West Virginia Civic League. Units of this organization have been established at Huntington, Charleston, Loga, Kimball, Bluefield and Beckley, in the form of luncheon and business clubs.

The purpose of the organization is to provide for the civic, economic, educational and social welfare of the group.

Dr. William S. Hall, president of the Charleston Negro Business and Professional Men's club, was elected as president of the state organization. Other officers elected were F. D. Cobb, of Logan, secretary; J. C. Kingslow, Bluefield, treasurer. Further officers elected were: J. A. Shelton of Welch and R. A. Brown of Bramwell, vice president; W. W. Sanders, chaplain; John Harris of Logan, sergeant-at-arms; I. J. K. Wells, Charleston, as general field agent.

The organization is to meet in Beckley in early May for a statewide banquet of leaders.

PAMPHLET ON GEORGIA PEONAGE PUBLISHED

New York, April 15. — The report of an investigation of peonage in Warren county, Ga., has been printed & issued jointly by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, The American Civil Liberties Union, the Southern Committee for People's Rights and the Worker's League.

Warren county, Georgia, came into prominence last fall when daily newspapers reported that overseers with rifles were forcing Negro cotton-pickers to work on the farms of Warren county at a lower rate for their labor than they could have received in adjoining counties. The published report of the investigator goes into detail on the Warren county situation and reveals the extent of peonage there.

NEGRO PRIZE NOVEL IS CHOSE BY BOOK UNION

New York, April 21. (CNA) — "Uncle Tom's Children," by Richard Wright, brilliant young Negro writer, is the Book Union selection for April, it was announced this week. The book won the \$500 prize given by the Story Magazine in its current contest for whiteness on the WPA project.

Lewis Gannet, literary editor of the New York Herald-Tribune, reviewing the book in the current Book Union Bulletin, writes: "With Sinclair, and H. Scherman (President of the Book-of-the-Month Club) I was one of the three judges who passed on the cream of the five hundred manuscripts submitted in Story Magazine's prize contest on the Federal Writer's Project. I hesitated over the first manuscript I read. After I came to 'Fire and Cloud' (the last of the four stories in the book) I had no doubts at all. Here was the voice of a new generation of black America; a hard, fresh voice; Here, in Richard Wright was not merely a prize winner but a new American writer."

William H. Drewery's Letter From Chicago-Land BLAST NUMBER NINE

Billions by Priming the Pump to Fight Depression and Avoid Dictatorship in America

The financial centers themselves are traditionally opposed to spending, and the very same forces that defeated the reorganization bill are now turning their guns on the new spending program.

The country, so they say, has been saved from the rule of dictatorship, in order to keep it in the hands of the spoilsman and the wealthy classes who ruled the government of the U.S. from 1921 to 1931. And even at that, we are still well in the midst of the same long drawn out depression of 1929. Victory or no victory, there has been very little accomplished during the past eight years for the general good of the nation.

Pipe Line Victory

When private interests in Wall street, with its convenient pipe line connections with existing agencies in Washington, established for the purpose of influencing legislation in the interest of the pressure groups, succeeding in defeating in the lower house of congress the reorganization bill; it was that by many that such unwholesome connections resulting as they did, in a victory by the opposition foes of the administration, would have awed president

Hallanan Asks Statewide Survey Of Sentiment by Republican Committeemen

Charleston, April 12—Preliminary to mapping the Republican campaign in West Virginia this year, National Committeeman Walter S. Hallanan today inaugurated a state-wide survey of political sentiment, calling upon the fifty-five county chairmen to make a careful check of the situation in their counties and report to him.

In a militant communication to the local leaders, Mr. Hallanan said that despite the impressive array of political power in the hands of the opposition, the Republican party entered the off-year contest unafraid. "Our cause is right and our convictions honest," he declared. "We stand upon principles that have been tested in the crucible of experience."

Hallanan said in his letter that the nation is now faced with the "stark realism that despite all the New Deals theatricals, its catch phrases and its demagoguery, and despite its wasteful expenditure of nineteen billion dollars of the people's money, there are more unemployed men and women in the country today than there were in March 1933."

The national committeeman asked the local chairmen to advise him to what extent there had been any change in public since the 1936 election and requested that they make a conservative estimate of the number of Democratic voters in their counties who could be depended upon to "join with us in a contest for preservation of the American system of government."

WISE SAYINGS

The sinner who spends and gives away is better than the devotee who begs and lays by.

A traveler without knowledge is a bird without wings.

Patience accomplishes its object while hurry speeds to its ruin.

Mr. Hallanan's letter is in part as follows:

"The election this year will be one of the most important and significant in the history of America. Upon the Republican party rests the responsibility & patriotic duty of carrying the banner of free democracy as opposed to a ruthless political and economic despotism."

"Our task is no easy one. It calls for the best efforts and the constant vigil of the Republican men and women of the country, aided by those Democrats who place patriotism above politics. It is a duty that we will not shirk; a responsibility we will not evade."

"We realize that behind the despotism that has been built up in Washington on the demagogic fallacy of a more abundant life, there will be arrayed the entire power of the party that holds all the national offices, all of the state offices and most of the local jobs; a party that has multiplied the number of public job-holders beyond anything ever known; a party that has had the spending of more of the taxpayers' money than all of its predecessors in office over a century and a half put together; a party that has excelled in the practice of demagoguery; and a party that because of this vast power and its ruthless use thereof commands unlimited funds for political purposes."

"Despite this array of power and force on the other side, we enter this fight unafraid. Our cause is right and our convictions honest. We stand upon principles that have been tested in the crucible of experience."

N.A.A.C.P. WINS 9TH CASE IN U.S. SUPREME COURT

Joe Hale, Convicted of Murder
In Kentucky, Is Granted New
Trial by Highest Court Be-
cause Negroes Barred from
Kentucky Juries

Washington, D. C., April 15—Joe Hale, a young negro boy of nineteen, had his conviction on a charge of murder set aside by the United States supreme court here on April 11, on the ground that McCracken county, Ky., in which he was convicted, has systematically barred Negroes from jury service for more than fifty years.

The case was argued before the supreme court, March 28, by Charles H. Houston, special counsel of the NAACP, and Leon A. Ransom. The opinion of the high court was unanimous. This is the second case involving Negroes in which Justice Black has joined in favorable decision. The first case involved picketing by the New Negro Alliance, of Washington, D. C. Justice Black concurred in the opinion there that the Negroes had the right to picket under certain circumstances in an effort to get jobs.

Hale's case, like many which come to the NAACP, was not turned over to the Association until the time to appeal to the supreme court. The NAACP entered the case at the request of the Paducah, Kentucky Civic League. Hale is alleged to have killed a white man in Paducah in August 1936.

In his argument to the supreme court on March 28, Mr. Houston cited an affidavit showing that the population of McCracken county was approximately 48,000, of which 8,000 were Negroes; that there were about 6,000 white persons and 800 Negroes fully qualified under Kentucky law for jury service; but that no Negroes had served on a jury in a state court in McCracken county in the past fifty years.

"The nation is now faced with the stark realism that despite all of the New Deal's theatricals, its catch phrases and its demagoguery, and despite its wasteful expenditure of nineteen billion dollars of the people's money there are more unemployed men and women in the country today than there were in March, 1933. There is every indication that the people are demanding a change, and that change will reflect itself in a substantive increased Republican representation in the halls of congress."

"The welfare of the state and the future of the nation call for the election of sane and patriotic men and women. The Republican party must furnish that kind of candidates, and, aided by thousands of patriotic Democrats, must elect them. A New Deal victory in November means an end of democracy in this land. Let no one be deceived about it. On the other hand, a Republican victory in the congressional elections will be but the signal that patriotic America is on the march—the signal that will start us on the way out of the economic chaos and confusion produced by the New Deal."

"Although it is important to elect Republicans to the legislature and to local offices, attention should be centered on the congressional candidates. They will head the ticket, and state and local candidates will stand or fall with them. Besides, a congressional victory will have a psychological value out of all proportions to any that might be obtained through the election of local Republican candidates."

The Hale case is the ninth victory of the NAACP in the United States supreme court. Of ten cases which it has taken up the NAACP has won nine. The next case which the Association will take to the high court will be the case of Gaines v. University of Missouri where Lloyd Gaines, Negro graduate of Lincoln University (Mo.) is seeking entrance to the University of Missouri law school.

Along Elm Street Greensboro, N.C.

By Captain

D. J. Gibson

Saw Honorable Joe Phipps, sheriff of Guilford county, along Elm street. Sheriff Phipps is one of the finest men ever, and in the years to come, far down the avenue of time, we wonder if the sound of his footsteps may be heard through the memory of men in the world of fine imagination as a reward in the giving man's reward.

Balf has said that "Memory is the only thing that grief can call its own," but I say this, Memory is time's reward for the holiness of men. Holiness is not a religious dream of false sanctification; it is the fact of exemplified human interest. Memory again is the urge of men to condemn others for bad deeds which the evildoers think that time has erased from its record file.

Mr. Joe Gibson, native of Greensboro, and at one time an often visitor at Keystone, Welch and Williamson, West Virginia, has a grocery store here that ranks with the best in town. He owns one of the finest farms in this county. With two splendid dwellings on it, with barns, cows, mules and horses. Also he owns seven very, very nice houses in Greensboro. Mr. Gibson knows Mr. Tom Whittico.

In Gibson's store he has a manager whose business efficiency is excellent. He is a

HITS RACE BIAS WORLD'S FAIR IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, April 20. (CNA)—A "Committee of 100" to obtain jobs for Negroes and Negro exhibits at the World's Fair was organized at a meeting in the St. Mark's church, 138th St. and St. Nicholas ave. The committee declared that it will seek to have the fair directors establish a Negro Advisory Committee.

Graver Whalen, president of the World's Fair Corp., was roundly criticized by his indifference to requests of civic leaders and organizations for adequate jobs and displays.

Dr. Lorneo King was elected chairman of the committee, Daniel Phillips, secretary, and Mr. Braddock, treasurer. Representatives from the National Association of Negro Musicians and the Civil Liberties Union of the Elks are members of the Committee.

BRITISH TORIES KNIFE ETHIOPIA IN LEAGUE

Geneva, April 20. (CNA) — The British Tories moved this week to steamroll recognition of Italy's seizure of Ethiopia thru the League of Nations as part of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's deal with Premier Benito Mussolini of Fascist Italy. British representatives to the League formally requested the League's permanent secretary, Joseph Avenol, to place the question of recognition of Italy's "Empire of Ethiopia" upon the League Council's agenda for May 9th.

Avenol placed the point upon the provisional agenda which must be approved by the council at the opening session.

The British move was vigorously protested by Haile Selassie, exiled emperor of Ethiopia in a statement to the League of Nations secretary in which he pointed out that Italian forces in Ethiopia had suffered defeats during recent months, and from all accounts, had been driven out of many provinces.

The Emperor gave notice he would personally appear in Geneva to oppose the British proposal.

man of excellent personality as a store clerk. He knows how to meet the public, and he is of great value to the growing business of "Joe's Place," as the Gibson store is styled, at times.

I have not been in keeping with Keystone so long that I have forgotten how many of the good folks of Old McDowell look, I long to hear Tom Whittico laugh.

There seems to be embodied in my memory one Richards, soldier of other years, whose smiles I used to know quite well.

But ever shall I remember the nights I slept on the banks of Elkhorn Creek and heard her song of Roll on, Oh Scavenger of Time. And the old iron bridge, crossing the Elkhorn at the Whittico building, or the home of the McDowell Times, I seem to hear the foot steps of a passing world on its way, led by Time, who now, many of whom, perhaps, have gone to lands far distant and with strangers and made their home—while others, as the old Elkhorn moves on, have been swished out by death beyond the breakers of time, no more.

Here's to the fine Jewish people whom I met in Keystone. Good people.

Good people.

Good people.

Good people.

CATHOLICS HOLD POWHATAN RALLY

Splendid Program Is Presented
Monday at the Sacred Heart
Church; More Than Two Hundred
Present; Solemn High
Mass

The Sacred Heart church of Powhatan was filled to capacity Easter Monday when Catholics from the area attended a parish rally, which opened with a very solemn high mass. The Rev. Father John A. McNulty, of Rockhams, was the celebrant of the mass, with Rev. Father Lawrence Packner, Logan, as co-celebrant, and the Rev. Father Raymond Judge, of Wytheville, Virginia, as the sub-deacon. A sermon on "Catholic Action" was preached by the Rev. Father George Wallace, Wytheville.

Music was rendered by the parish choir with Miss Lola Ford at the organ in the absence of Mrs. C. H. Hendly who is ill. Luncheon served by the ladies of the parish council, and round table discussions for 3 groups followed. At the men's luncheon, welcome was extended by the president of the parish council, Anglo-Latini. Papers were read on "Society and Self Government," by William Kerns, Jr., "Dignity Rights of Human Liberty," by Frank Herman, "Individual and Government," by E. D. Ripley. Dr. Ralph G. Gifford spoke and led the discussion of the topics. The Rev. John McNulty commended the work which has been done by the Rev. Martin J. Egan since he came to Powhatan as pastor in September 1932. He was the first to start religious vacation schools in this part of the diocese. Other organizations now active are the parish councils of men and women, the Holy Name society, the Knights of Columbus, Young Ladies sodality, Girls' Youth club and the Boy Scout troop.

ASSAULTS RELIEF TO ALL NEGROES AND MEXICANS

Austin, Tex., April 21. (Elaine Ellis, for CNA) — Charges of Charles T. Flynn, in Colliers magazine, that the pension system in Texas and other states is over-liberal and that funds and facilities are being used by ambitious politicians, have been met in the usual Legionnaire manner by Raymond Brooks, Texas political writer. Brooks is of opinion that Flynn has overlooked the real situation here in Texas. He considers that the fundamental fault of the system lies in the fact that it gives money to about 111,000 aged persons whom he considers to be shiftless persons with even more shiftless children because they have the misfortune to be poor. The taxpayers, he asserted in the Austin American, are being forced to pay pensions to Negroes and Mexicans "who never had any property and who never paid any taxes."

Neither writer considers that these helpless aged are people who were never allowed to accumulate any security under the economic system, which deprived old and young alike. Even more helpless are the Negroes and Mexicans, who are compelled to accept the very lowest wages. This same discrimination operates against them in the allotment of pensions. In 1935, when the Texas legislature was considering a pension setup, Mrs. Helen V. Barry, representative of the Federal Security Board, arrived at the capital by plane and warned this body that the U.S. government did not intend to aid in "discrimination payments." As a result of this warning, the legislature reduced the amount first considered, and put in a discriminatory clause that limits

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